

**People’s Choice Vote on Fells Photo Show**  
**March 1<sup>st</sup> - March 31<sup>st</sup> (excluding March 17 & 18)**  
**Mon-Fri, 8:00am-5:00pm, & Sat-Sun, 12:00pm-4:00pm**

Last chance to cast your vote for your favorite photo.  
Over 100 photos by nearly 50 local photographers  
feature Fall in the Fells.

**Meet at:** Botume House Visitor Center, 4 Woodland Rd., Stoneham – ½ mile south of Stone Zoo.

(In the event of snow, call ahead as staff is responsible for public safety duties: **781-662-5214.**)

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**Junior Rangers**  
**Tues, April 17<sup>th</sup> to Fri, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:00am**

Kids with interest in nature are invited to spend vacation mornings with DCR Staff who’ll assist participants with 4 out of 8 activities. Take-home activities will be given to those wishing to complete the program, but you may come for as few or as many projects as you wish. Geared to ages 8-12, but friends and siblings are welcome to help out. Adults, please plan to spend the 1<sup>st</sup> and last 10 minutes with the group. Kids, dress for the weather.

**Meet at:** Botume House Visitor Center, 4 Woodland Rd., Stoneham.

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**Exhibit Opening, People of the Fells**  
**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm-3:00pm**

Traditional crafts and music of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, a time when concerned citizens fought to pass the Public Domain Act, precursor to modern conservation legislation.

**People of the Fells**  
**April 30<sup>th</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>, Mon-Sun, 8:00am-5:00pm**  
Wright, Botume, Goodyear, Hayward, and Stone are all names you recognize – but how much do you know about the movers and shakers that made the Fells what it is today?... And don’t forget *you*, the modern day neighbor, visitor, constituent, and advocate!

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**Breakheart-Fells Hiking Club**  
**Hikes begin at 1pm**

The *last* hike of every month will explore the Middlesex Fells. **Meet at:** Jerry Jingle Park on Lynn Fells Pkwy., Melrose-Stoneham line. These hikes will be ***DIFFICULT***, lasting 3 hours.

All other hikes... **Meet at:** Christopher P. Dunne Visitor Center, Breakheart Reservation, 177 Forest Street, off Lynn Fells Pkwy., Saugus. These hikes will be moderate, lasting 2 hours.

For info, call **617-727-1199, ext. 212.** *Dogs are not permitted.*

**Sun, 3/4 - Sat, 3/10 - Sun, 3/18 - Sat, 3/24** (Fells)  
**Sun, 4/1 :** Potluck lunch to follow  
**Sat, 4/7 - Sun, 4/15 - Sat, 4/21 - Sun, 4/29** (Fells)  
**Sat, 5/5 - Sat, 5/12 - Sun, 5/20 - Sun, 5/27** (Fells)

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**Fells Bird Meadow Restoration**  
**Sat, March 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sun, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm**

Help us restore an important bird meadow in the Middlesex Fells. We will use hand tools to cut the overgrown woody saplings and restore the grassland at the Lawrence Woods 90mm Site. Please dress for the weather. **Meet at:** South Border Road, Gate 9 Parking Area, Medford (before Winchester Water Plant). For more info, call **617-727-1199, ext. 212.**  
***Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Middlesex Fells.***

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**Babes in the Woods**  
**Tuesdays in the Middlesex Fells, 10:00am-11:30am**

Come for a walk in the woods. Kids from infant to pre-schooler, and guardians welcome. We alternate weekly between *strolls* and *hikes*. *Hikes* are on more difficult terrain than *strolls*, but neither is strenuous. Bring snacks and dress for the weather. No dogs, please. Rain cancels. For more info, or for a map of meeting places, call Rob at **781-396-8994.**

***Co-sponsored by Medford Family Network, North Suburban Family Network, and Friends of the Middlesex Fells.***

**Maple Sugarin’ at Breakheart**  
**Saturday and Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00am-2:00pm**

Join us at Breakheart for this annual event. The tour includes tree identification, tapping, history of sugarin’, boiling of sap, and sampling of real maple syrup on pancakes and popcorn around a campfire.  
Admission: \$5 or \$4 with donation of a canned good  
For info, call: **781-233-0834** or **781-438-1388.**  
***Co-Sponsored by the Friends of Breakheart.***

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**Story Time at Breakheart**  
**Sat., 3/10, Sat., 4/21, & Sat., 5/12, 10:30am-11:30am**  
Join us for a nature themed story, snack, and craft for pre-school and kindergarten-aged children. **Meet at:** 177 Forest Street, off Lynn Fells Pkwy., Saugus. For info, call **781-233-0834.**  
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**Helpful Websites**  
***www.massparks.org***

[www.charlesriverconservancy.org](http://www.charlesriverconservancy.org): Charles Riv. Conservancy

[www.esplanadeassociation.org](http://www.esplanadeassociation.org): The Esplanade Assoc.

[www.fells.org](http://www.fells.org): Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reserv.

[www.friendsofalewifereservation.org](http://www.friendsofalewifereservation.org): Friends of Alewife

[www.friendsofbelleislemarsh.org](http://www.friendsofbelleislemarsh.org): Friends of Belle Isle

[www.mysticriver.org](http://www.mysticriver.org): Mystic Riv. Watershed Association

[www.saugus.org/FOBR](http://www.saugus.org/FOBR): Friends of Breakheart Reserv.

[www.saugusriver.org](http://www.saugusriver.org): Saugus River Watershed Council

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# North Region Spring 2007

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**Alewife Brook Reservation**

**Beaver Brook Reservation**

**Belle Isle Marsh**

**Breakheart Reservation**

**Charles River Reservation**

**Constitution Beach**

**Fellsmere Park**

**Lynn Heritage State Park**

**Lynn / Nahant Beach**

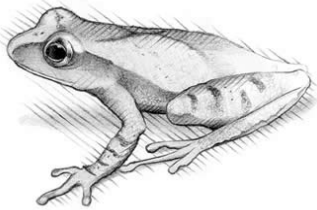
**Middlesex Fells Reservation**

**Mystic River Reservation**

**Revere Beach**

**Rumney Marsh Reservation**

**Winthrop Beach**



# March

## Opening of Native American Artifact Display

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00am-2:00pm**

The display will contain examples of Native American artifacts collected locally. There will also be a guided hike, music, storytelling, crafts, and demonstrations of hearth & open fire pit cooking.

**Co-sponsored by the Friends of Breakheart. Meet at:** Visitor Center off Lynn Fells Pkwy., Saugus.

## March into Spring

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00pm-3:00pm**

Stretch your legs and breathe the warm Spring air. We'll trek up-river to the Mass. Ave. Bridge and back on this 10k hike. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Rain cancels. **Meet at:** Plaza in front of Museum of Science entrance, Boston.

## New Basin Walk

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm-2:30pm**

Come learn the plans for this latest addition to DCR's Urban Parks at the mouth of the Charles River. We'll visit completed parks and discuss future plans along the waterfront as we walk. **Meet at:** Plaza in front of Museum of Science entrance, Boston.

## The Wonder of Snow

**Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm-3:00pm**

Learn fascinating facts about this winter phenomenon. See some of the earliest photographs ever taken of snowflakes, then make your own paper snowflake. **Meet at:** Botume House Visitor Center, 4 Woodland Rd., Stoneham.

## Irish Step Dancing

**Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm-8:00pm**

Local instructors showcase their young students for St. Patty's Day. Wear your green and be prepared to learn the Traveling Step yourself. **Meet at:** Botume House Visitor Center, 4 Woodland Rd., Stoneham.

## Tour of the Charles River Dam

**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm-2:00pm**

Learn how this little known structure manages flood water and keeps the tides out of the Charles River. We'll be both inside and out, so dress accordingly. **Meet at:** Flagpoles on the Charlestown/Paul Revere Park side of the dam, below City Sq. and N. Washington St. Bridge, Charlestown.

## Birding Belle Isle and Vicinity

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-12:00pm**

Come explore the abundant bird life of Belle Isle Marsh. ***Pre-registration required.*** Call Geoff Wood at **617-727-5350. Meet at:** Belle Isle parking lot, off Bennington St. (across from the Suffolk Downs T Station), East Boston.

## Saugus Iron Works Restoration Project

***(Presentation at Breakheart Reservation)***

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-11:30am**

Join Park Ranger Curtis White of the Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site for a presentation about on-going construction work at the Iron Works. Learn about the National Parks Service's major construction projects aimed at improving accessibility, expanding interpretive exhibits, and protecting the site's archaeological collection. You will also hear about future plans to restore the Saugus River turning basin. **Meet at:** Visitor Center off Lynn Fells Pkwy., Saugus.

# April

## Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Hike

**Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00am-12:00pm**

Join a DCR Park Ranger for this easy/moderate 2-mile hike as we explore some of the work done by the CCC at Breakheart. This will be followed by a 20-minute video/slideshow presentation. **Meet at:** Visitor Center off Lynn Fells Pkwy., Saugus.

## Belle Isle Marsh Reedbed Exploration

**Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 12:00pm-2:00pm**

Explore the reedbed and help install swallow boxes. For info, call **617-727-5350. Meet at:** Belle Isle parking lot, off Bennington St.(across from the Suffolk Downs T Station), East Boston.

## Wake the Earth Walk

**Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm-3:00pm**

Walk, talk, and see the sights, as we head up river to the Mass Ave. Bridge and back on this 10k hike. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Rain cancels. **Meet at:** Plaza in front of Museum of Science entrance, Boston.

## New Basin Walk

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm-2:30pm**

See description from March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Belle Isle Marsh Spring Clean-Up

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-12:00pm**

Help the DCR and the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh clean up the Reservation. You will need to wear boots. Refreshments will be provided. **Meet at:** Morton St., Winthrop.

## Charles River Mooring & Info

**Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-12:00pm**

Applications will be available for the mooring season. A DCR Park Ranger will be on hand to answer your questions. **Meet at:** "Poor Man's Landing" (behind the Royal Sonesta), Cambridge Pkwy., Cambridge.

## Tour of the Charles River Dam

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00pm-2:00pm**

See March 18<sup>th</sup> description.

## Fells Invasive Species Days

**Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Earth Day), 11:00am**

Help the DCR eradicate invasive plants like garlic mustard, knotweed, bittersweet, and more. For info, call **617-727-1199, ext. 212**, or e-mail **Peter.Luongo@state.ma.us. Meet at:** Botume House, 4 Woodland Rd., Stoneham.

# May

## Breakheart Clean-Up

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-1:00pm**

Help the DCR and Friends of Breakheart clean up the Reservation. We'll have a free BBQ lunch for all helpers. For more info, call **781-233-0834. Meet at:** Visitor Center off Lynn Fells Pkwy., Saugus.

## Urban Tree Safari

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm-2:30pm**

We'll walk the Esplanade and discuss the rugged trees that line our urban paths and help make city life healthier and happier. Rain cancels. **Meet at:** Plaza in front of Museum of Science entrance, Boston.

## River Herring Watch

**Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm-3:00pm**

Learn about the amazing fish migration that persists in our urban environment. We'll start at the historic dam and walk ½ mile to the 1978 facility now sitting at the mouth of the river. Rain cancels. ***Registration required.*** Call **617-626-1483. Meet at:** Plaza in front of the Museum of Science entrance, Boston.

## Birds of Breakheart Hike with David Brown

**Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am-11:30am**

Each May, Breakheart hosts a wonderful variety of birds, descending after a long night of migrating to rest and feed before moving on. Join us as we search for these temporary visitors. Bring binoculars.

***Sponsored by the Friends of Breakheart. Meet at:*** Visitor Center off Lynn Fells Pkwy., Saugus.

## Breakheart 5K Fun Run

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am**

Join us for this free 5K Fun Run on a hilly, challenging course. Registration starts at 9am. **Meet at:** Visitor Center off Lynn Fells Pkwy., Saugus.

## Revere Beach Discovery

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-11:30am**

Join a DCR Ranger for nature discovery at Revere Beach, and learn ways we can help make Revere Beach more beautiful. Suitable for children ages 5 to 8. For more info, call Ranger Matthew Nash at **781-485-2804. Meet at:** Shade shelter across from the State Police Barracks, Revere Beach Blvd., Revere.

## Canoe Belle Isle

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm**

Explore this ecologically important marsh by canoe. ***Canoe experience required. Participants must be able to swim, and be at least 12 years old. Pre-registration required.*** Call **617-727-1199, ext. 212.**

## Birds of Spring

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm-2:30pm**

The neo-tropical songbirds and many others are headed north. Boston's lucky to be part of the Atlantic flyways and various avian species will be passing through or stopping to fledge their young along our urban waterways. Bring binoculars and field guides if possible. Rain cancels. **Meet at:** Plaza in front of Museum of Science entrance, Boston.

## Fells Invasive Species Days

**Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am**

See description from April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Practicing Personal Safety

**Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am**

DCR Rangers instruct on various ways to help ensure your safety in DCR parks and other public places. Adults and children welcome. **Meet at:** Breakheart Visitor Center off Lynn Fells Pkwy., Saugus.